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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 09-0354

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

DANNY SARTAIN,

Defendant and Appellant.

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## MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT

COMES NOW, Nancy G. Schwartz, counsel of record for Defendant and Appellant, and respectfully requests an extension of time until February 5, 2010, in which to prepare, file and serve Appellant's opening brief in the above-entitled matter. In support of this motion, undersigned counsel respectfully submits the following affidavit.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of January, 2009.

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Billings, MT

By:

for Defendant/Appellant

STATE OF MONTANA ) : ss County of Yellowstone )

- I, Nancy G. Schwartz, being first duly sworn upon my oath, depose and state as follows:
- 1. I am a licensed, practicing attorney in the State of Montana, and am assigned cases as contract counsel by the Office of the State Public Defender, Appellate Defender Office.
- 2. In this capacity, I was assigned to represent the Appellant in the above-entitled matter and a Notice of Appearance was filed on my behalf on October 1, 2009.
- 3. The issues presented on appeal in Mr. Sartain's case are complex. Mr. Sartain was convicted following a two day jury trial, and Mr. Sartain has provided the undersigned and his previous counsel with numerous issues to research and consider prior to filing an opening brief.
- 4. This is my third request for extension. Prior to my appointment to represent Mr. Sartain, appellant's counsel requested and was granted at least two prior extensions. The brief is presently due on January 5, 2010.
- 5. I cannot meet the present deadline for filing Appellant's opening brief. Additional time is necessary to properly research and brief the issues

presented. I am also currently working to complete the opening brief in No. DA 09-0252, which is also a case of complex nature.

- 6. Mr. Sartain is presently incarcerated following his conviction in this matter.
- 7. I will continue to work diligently to complete the opening brief within the time requested.
- 8. Opposing counsel has been contacted concerning this motion and does not object.
- Further your affiant sayeth naught.
  SUBSRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.



Theresa Rall
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Notary Public for the State of Montana Residing at Billings, MT My commission expires: April 19, 2012

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a true and accurate copy of the foregoing

Motion for Extension of Time and Affidavit in Support to be mailed to:

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Dated: Jon 4 2010

Jancy Solvar